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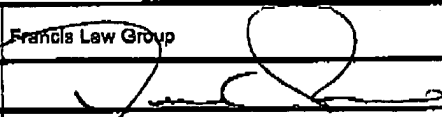
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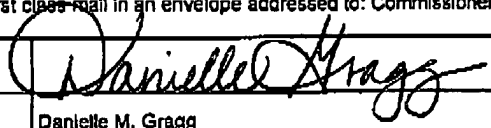
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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are made in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 15, 2004, in the above-cited patent application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.